

ORDER NO. 3062

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Nanci E. Langley, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton; and
Tony Hammond

Petition for Rulemaking

Docket No. RM2015-20

ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

(Issued February 3, 2016)

On August 17, 2015, the Association for Postal Commerce (PostCom) and the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers (ANM) filed a petition to initiate a rulemaking proceeding concerning the changes required to implement PostCom and ANM's proposed standard set forth in Docket No. R2013-10R.¹

On September 10, 2015, the Commission stated that it had "yet to determine the standard to be applied in Docket No. R2013-10R to evaluate when mail preparation requirement changes have rate effects with price cap implications."² As a result, the Commission determined the Petition was not yet ripe for consideration and held the

¹ Petition of the Association for Postal Commerce and Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers to Initiate Rulemaking Proceeding, August 17, 2015 (Petition).

² Order Holding Petition for Rulemaking in Abeyance, September 10, 2015, at 2 (Order No. 2703).

Petition in abeyance pending the decision rendered in Docket No. R2013-10R. Order No. 2703 at 2.

On January 22, 2016, the Commission issued Order No. 3047 and set forth a comprehensive standard to be used to determine when mail preparation requirement changes have rate effects with price cap implications.³ On that same date, the Commission established a rulemaking docket proposing modifications to the Commission's rules based on the standard set forth in Order No. 3047.⁴

As the Commission did not adopt PostCom and ANM's proposed standard set forth in Docket No. R2013-10R, the Petition to initiate a rulemaking to develop rules in line with this proposal is moot. Consequently, the Commission concludes that it is appropriate to close this docket.

It is ordered:

Docket No. RM2015-20 is closed.

By the Commission.

Stacy L. Ruble
Secretary

³ Docket No. R2013-10R, Order Resolving Issues on Remand, January 22, 2016 (Order No. 3047).

⁴ Docket No. RM2016-6, Order No. 3048, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Motions Concerning Mail Preparation Changes, January 22, 2016.